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1,700 JURISTS FLEE GDR IN PAST 4 YEARS

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TIGHTENS REGULATIONS -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 23 Feb 52

More than 1,700 judges, state attorneys, and administrative jurists have fled from the German Democratic Republic (GDR) during the last 4 years, according to the Investigating Committee of Free Jurists in Berlin. This is attributed largely to a tightening up of regulations by the GDR Ministry of Justice. According to a new ruling, jurists are liable to imprisonment for failure to adhere to, or carry out to the letter, each political directive issued.

In the opinion of the Investigating Committee, the loyal Communist judges now remaining in the GDR are so few that their number will hardly be adequate to fill the benches of the special courts for political trials.

REPORT DECREASE IN GDR POPULATION -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 16 Feb 52

According to a recently published statistical report, the population of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) has decreased sharply. A significant rise in the mortality rate is partly responsible for this fact.

The West Berlin Research Institute has announced that the population of the GDR has fallen off to 17,300,000, and that 500,000 persons fled from East Germany to the West Western Europe in 1951.

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DDR REFUGEE INFLUX TO WEST BERLIN INCREASES -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 10 Feb 52

Since the passing of a West German law to facilitate the admittance of refugees from the German Democratic Republic to West Germany, the influx of refugees has increased steadily. At present an average of 300 East Germans per day seek refuge in West Berlin.

East Germans who have been members of the Socialist Unity Party (SED) or who have collaborated with the Communists are refused admittance.

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